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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 8243

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EC, PE

SUBJ: RODRIGUEZ DECIDES NOT TO ATTEND AYACUCHO CEREMONIES

REF: A. QUITO 8080; B. QUITO 8198

1. IN DECEMBER 2 PRESS RELEASE REplete WITH ELLIPTICAL REFERENCES TO ECUADOR'S BORDER DISPUTE WITH PERU, ECUADOREAN PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA ANNOUNCED THAT HE DID NOT PLAN TO ATTEND AYACUCHO FESTIVITIES.

2. RODRIGUEZ PRESS STATEMENT EXPLAINS THAT GOE HAD CONSIDERED ALL FACTORS, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL, IMPINGING ON VISIT AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FOR HIM TO MAKE VISIT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER ATTENDING CHIEFS OF STATE. IT WOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN OCCASION FOR ECUADOR TO PAY TRIBUTE TO SACRIFICES REPRESENTED BY LIBERATION BATTLES OF JUNIN AND AYACUCHO.

3. BUT, STATEMENT CONTINUES, RODRIGUEZ TRIP ALSO HAD  
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TO BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF OTHER HISTORIC DEVELOPMENTS

REGARDING WHICH ECUADOREAN CONSCIENCE "HAS CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED ITS DEMAND FOR THE JUSTICE DUE ECUADOR ON THE TERRITORIAL PROBLEM." AND IN THIS LIGHT, "THE PURPOSES WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE MY VISIT TO PERU AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ECUADOREAN PEOPLE ADVANTAGEIOUS AND FAVORABLE DID NOT MATERIALIZE TO THE EXTENT INDISPENSABLE FOR ITS (THE VISIT'S) VIABILITY AND EFFICIENCY."

4. ECUADOR DELEGATION TO AYACUCHO CEREMONIES WILL THEREFORE BE HEADED BY SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE ANIBAL JARAMILLO. OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE: FOREIGN MINISTER ANTONIO LUCIO PAREDES, EDUCATION MINISTER GENERAL GUILLERMO DURAN, ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL MARIO LOPEZ, GOE AMBASSADOR TO PERU LUIS VALENCIA, GOE AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL ALFREDO LUNA AND FOREIGN OFFICE ADVISOR (ALSO FORMER GOE AMBASSADOR TO CHILE) AMBASSADOR TEODORO BUSTAMANTE.

5. COMMENT: UNREALIZED "PURPOSES" TO WHICH PRESIDENT REFERRED (PARA 3 ABOVE) ARE FOR THE MOMENT A MATTER OF CONJECTURE ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF MANEUVERING WHICH LED TO PRESIDENT'S NEGATIVE DECISION ARE LIKELY TO SURFACE IN WEEKS AHEAD. WHAT PRESIDENT'S REMARKS DO SUGGEST IS THAT HE COULD NOT BE FIRST CHIEF OF STATE TO VISIT PERU WITHOUT SOME CONCESSION ON BORDER DISPUTE. STATEMENT FURTHER IMPLIES THAT MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH PERUVIANS, BUT THAT QUID PRO QUO ON TERRITORIAL ISSUE WAS NOT FORTHCOMING AND PRESIDENT THEREFORE DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND. ONE SHRED OF EVIDENCE CONFIRMING THIS THESIS IS THAT AMBASSADOR BUSTAMANTE ACCOMPANIED BY OSWALDO RAMIREZ OF FOREIGN OFFICE TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY DEPARTMENT VISITED LIMA IN LATE NOVEMBER, POSSIBLY TO DISCUSS BORDER ISSUE.  
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